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DAILY FLIGHTS
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Column One
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IS Mr. Dulles fighting for his job as Mr. Acheson (who had Truman's stout, shrewd support) had to fight for his? Messages from Washington continue to speculate on the subject, and now have begun to guess at the Secretary of State's possible successor. Governor Dewey is no longer mentioned. Instead, there is talk of the State Department's going to Mr. McCloy, who, as General McCloy, was at one time U.S. High Commissioner in Germany. Mr. Dulles' deal with President Rhee of South Korea, and his willingness to let the present General Assembly reveal sharp differences of opinion between the U.S. and her western allies, are taken as evidence of his anxiety to regain the Republicans Party ground he is said to have lost by acquiescing in an unsatisfactory Korean armistice. The China lobby and most right-wing Republicans apparently consider, with Mr. Rhee, that Panmunjom was an act of U.S. appeasement and that a peace conference, even if limited by the Secretary of State and the South Korean President to a life of only ninety days, is a needless waste of good fighting time.

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PEOPLE like Senator Knowland, the new Senate floor leader, make almost as many difficulties for Mr. Dulles as people like Mr. Rhee and Sir Winston Churchill. What room for manoeuvre is left to the Secretary of State if the Senate leader already announces his intention to campaign for the withdrawal of the U.S. from U.N., rather than put up with the presence of Communist China in that world organization? Yet Britain and some other of America's western allies, as well as the Arab-Asian bloc, have made it clear that they will support China's candidature. The dispute over India's right to take part in the Korean peace conference again seems to be one in which Mr. Dulles, deferring to the uncompromising right, has put himself in a position with practically no room to move. If a move is forced upon him by U.N. it will have the effect of a dislodgement, which naturally will be interpreted by his critics as evidence of weakness.

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IT will be seen that the Secretary of State's task is not enviable. If its main object is to conclude a satisfactory agreement with the Communists, its immediate objects are to ensure some kind of agreement not only with Mr. Rhee but also with Congress and certain western nations, including Britain. The result is an unfortunate, and perhaps inevitable, ambiguity of policy, which has encouraged Mr. Lippmann to write that a round-table Korean conference, including both Russia and India, is the only way in which the Secretary of State's "often hopelessly contradictory" and sometimes "positively weird ... promises would be transcended." In other words, Mr. Dulles would seem to have got himself and his country's policies into a fix, not necessarily because the Secretary of State is a bungler but perhaps chiefly because the vast world responsibilities undertaken by the U.S. are themselves, and naturally, sometimes "hopelessly contradictory," so that commitments and promises are apt also to become contradictory at such climacteric periods as now. In spite of Senator Knowland's bullying threat, the solution may well be to return to U.N. some of the authority which the U.S. at different times since the outbreak of the Korean War, and out of impatience, has taken from that august body of sovereign states. But that, of course, would not help Mr. Dulles to keep his seat as Secretary of State.

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IT is probable that Mr. Dulles keeps stumbling, not because he is weak but because he has piled too big a load upon his shoulders. Not content with "containment" he added "liberation," and not satisfied with halting aggression in Korea he took upon himself to commit the U.S., by treaty with South Korea, to direct intervention on the East Asian mainland. Small wonder that on such matters as the ninety-day limit placed by him and Mr. Rhee on the Korean peace conference, India's claim to be represented at the conference, and Communist China's demand for a seat in U.N., the Secretary of State should be unable to deviate from the path he has set himself. Some of America's allies do not feel themselves bound to follow Mr. Dulles: some, like Japan, have not hesitated to take advantage of the Secretary of State's multiple preoccupations. Altogether, one needs to be Mr. Dulles himself to dare be in his shoes.

Jerusalem, August 19.

Cabinet Backs Rokach In Councils' Dispute

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Government will not tolerate any local authority by-passing a decision taken by the Minister of Interior acting within his legal authority, a Government spokesman said yesterday after a special Cabinet meeting, called to discuss the dispute between the Minister and certain local councils.

The dispute centres around questions of municipal taxation and by-laws. At the weekly Cabinet meeting on Sunday, the Minister, Mr. Israel Rokach, threatened to resign unless the dispute was settled.

The Government considers it a routine matter that local authorities act in accordance with the law, the spokesman stressed. The Cabinet asked Mr. Rokach to invite the heads of the local councils involved and to settle the disputed issues.

At its regular meeting next Sunday, the Cabinet will continue to discuss the questions of principle involved in municipal problems, which will include the municipal tax policy of the Government.

The principles of a Bill against Terrorism were yesterday approved by the Cabinet. The Bill would impose more severe penalties for various criminal acts, such as assault and arson, defined in the Penal Code, if committed with political intent or to manifest political or other convictions.

Stricter Penalties

If the Court rules that the acts of violence involved were carried out for such political purposes, the stricter penalties of the new law would apply.

The Bill includes the following principles: the law will set minimum penalties; it will be in force for only a few years in the hope that within this period democracy will be strengthened to such an extent that a law of this type will not be needed; the political purpose of the act will not be considered as a mitigating circumstance; and summary trials will be held if needed.

The exact terms of the law, in defining the principles stated above will be fixed by a Ministerial Committee.

The Cabinet also approved the appointment of a partial list of 19 members to the State Education Committee, the supreme advisory body to be established under the recently approved State Education Law. The Committee is to hold its first meeting today.

The Cabinet also approved eight of the 14 members of the Religious Education Council.

The appointments to the State Education Committee are: Mrs. S. Persitz, Mr. I. Guri, Miss R. Trabari, Mr. M. Unna, all Knesset members, and Mr. A. Elmaleh, a former Knesset member. All the above were appointed in their capacity as persons active in education.

Others are: Prof. E. Rieger, Messrs. A. Arnon, Y. Goldschmidt, Y. Sarid and Ahmad Abd el Aziz Idrisa, representing the Ministry of Education and Culture; Mayor I. Kariv of Jerusalem; Messrs. S. Levin and Z. Carmi, representing Tel Aviv and Haifa respectively; Mr. Y. Shapiro, of Nahalal, and Mr. S. Dovrat, of Givat Brenner, representing rural district councils; Prof. S. Assaf and Prof. A. Dushkin, representing the Hebrew University; and Prof. R. Talon, representing the Haifa Technion.

Arab Delegate

A Ministerial Committee is to approve other members of the State Education Committee, including representatives of the Teachers' Association, local councils from small towns and villages, and at least one representative of Arab education, in addition to the one appointed to represent the Ministry of Education.

The eight members of the Religious Education Council consist of two personal representatives of the Minister of Education and Culture, five persons appointed jointly by the Ministers of Education and Religious Affairs, and one representing the Orthodox Teachers' Association. Six more members are soon to be appointed.

The official Communique stated:

At its meeting yesterday, the Cabinet summed up part of its discussion on the question of Local Authorities and approved the first list of members of the Education Committee and to the Council for State Religious Education in accordance with the State Education Law.

The principles of a law to prevent terrorism were confirmed.

The Cabinet also has recognised international labour convention which deals with the minimum age of youth in industry and agriculture, medical examinations, and limits night work for children and youth.

Knesset Passes Ordinary Budget

By MOSHE BRILLIANT

A Budget of IL.216,330,000 balanced by internal revenue for the fiscal year which began on April 1 was approved by the Knesset last night by a vote of 30-15, in a clear division between the parties of the coalition and the opposition. The estimates include the appropriations which the Knesset had made available to the Finance Minister earlier in the year pending the passage of the annual estimates, and which have been more or less expended.

The final vote shortly before midnight, with approximately one-third of the House membership in attendance, culminated an apathetic session during which hundreds of minority motions by opposition members on expenditure appropriations were voted down mechanically with monotonous regularity. The revenue estimates were approved on March 25.

The current year's estimates are IL.43,254,084 greater than the previous year's but the increase compensates in part for the devaluation of the currency. Appropriations were, in effect, tighter than those for the previous year.

Share of Defence

Defence again will take the largest slice out of the IL. 159,018,600 ordinary expenditure, but the exact sum is being kept secret as is customary. The defence appropriation will be IL.42m. granted to the Defence Ministry, plus an undisclosed part of a IL.25m. Special Budget. Whatever part of the IL.25m. is not spent for security will be added to the IL.527,280 special reserve. The parliamentary Finance Committee was empowered to work out details for the Defence Budget.

Another clause in the Budget Law permits the Finance Minister, with the consent of the Finance Committee, to transfer to the Special Reserve up to five per cent of the appropriation of any Ministry. This will be done in cases where retrenchment is possible.

The Ordinary appropriations were IL.268,600 higher than those originally proposed by the Government when the estimates were presented to the Knesset in March. The increase was necessitated by the establishment of a new Ministry of Development, for which IL.328,300 were appropriated, and the introduction of a special reserve of IL.527,280. Individual appropriations of practically all ministries except Defence, Education and Culture, Health, Police and Social welfare were cut to make up in part for the additions.

As a result of these changes, the Communications budget for the first time since the creation of the State is expected to show a surplus, due mainly to the anticipated profits of the railways and the postal services. The surplus of IL.269,000 is carried over to fill the gap in the Ordinary Budget.

(Budget Figures—P. 5)

Police Told to Stop Publishing '999'

The Internal Affairs Committee took up the question of the Police publication, "999." It established the fact that the expenses were not borne by the Government, and it acknowledged that the object of its publishers had been to educate the police community.

It nevertheless made far-reaching recommendations with the aim of dissociating the magazine from the authority of the Police. The detailed resolutions will be presented to the Knesset next week.

The Knesset House Committee yesterday rejected another bid by Mapai to reverse the recent increase in representation allowances and travelling expenses for members living outside Jerusalem. It was decided to refer the problem of remuneration and allowances to a sub-committee.

America Guaranteeing Israel Armistice Lines

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (INA). — The U.S. stands firmly by its announced intention of taking action to prevent any violations of the Israel-Arab armistice lines, the State Department has informed Representative Edna F. Kelly, of New York.

Mr. Thurston B. Morton, Assistant Secretary of State, in answer to a query by the Congresswoman, said of the present Israel-Arab boundaries that the "U.S. Government takes no position other than to recognize these as valid armistice lines until agreement is reached on permanent boundaries between the countries concerned.

"Meanwhile, the U.S. continues to be guided in its policy on such matters by Point Three of the Tripartite Declaration of May 25, 1950.

Renewed Riots In Morocco, French Action Awaited

CASABLANCA, Tuesday (Reuter).—Trouble flared in Morocco again today with clashes between French security forces and Moroccan townsmen demonstrating in favour of the Sultan Mohammed Ben Youssef.

In Oujda, scene of violent anti-French rioting last Sunday, demonstrators today attacked a police patrol jeep. The police opened fire and killed at least two Moroccans.

Police in Oujda said the town was in a state of siege. Nearly all the Moroccans had locked themselves up in their homes. Police and Colonial troops were patrolling the streets. A strict curfew had been imposed.

Police here arrested several hundred persons in the Arab Quarter where ringleaders were urging the population to violent demonstrations.

More than 500 Moroccans were rounded up for questioning, over 100 were detained.

Police and troops tonight ringed the Arab Quarter to prevent demonstrators from reaching the French part of the town. Police said a number of demonstrations inside the Arab town were broken up by baton charges.

Consultations Continued

General Augustin Guillaume French Resident General in Morocco, today continued consultations with his Government on the tense situation in the Protectorate caused by the struggle between the Sultan and tribal chiefs led by Thami el Glaoui Pasha of Marrakesh.

In Rabat, last night, the Sultan, Mohammed Ben Yussef, called on all his "faithful subjects" to keep calm and avoid bloodshed.

Last Saturday 350 tribal chiefs proclaimed an elderly relative of the Sultan, Moulay Mohammed Ben Arafa, as spiritual head of Morocco's seven-million Moslems in place of the Sultan.

El Glaoui, in an interview published today by the Casablanca newspaper "Le Petit,"

Arab League headquarters in Cairo have announced the receipt of a message from Morocco saying that the Sultan had signed "under French pressure" all reform decrees submitted by France.

called on the French Government to take a prompt decision about the Sultan's remaining powers.

"The French Government bears a fearful responsibility which we do not envy. If, contrary to our expectations, its firmness does not immediately respond to the desires of the Moroccan people, France will no longer have her place in Morocco," he said.

In New York, yesterday, Mr. Mahdi Bennouna, representing the Independence Party in Morocco, told a press conference that the situation in Morocco had "deteriorated so much" that his party would ask the Arab-Asian group to urge action in the Security Council.

Mr. Bennouna said that his organization was appealing to the U.S. "for intervention in this conflict which puts in opposition the French Colonialists and the Sultan."

He stated that the "real strife" was only between the Moroccan people and the French colonialists.

Diplomatic representatives of the Arab League members in Cairo are meeting today to discuss Morocco and other possible U.N. agenda items.

CAUGHT IN AMBUSH

Two infiltrators, who admitted selling sugar and rice to a resident of Abu Ghosh village in the Jerusalem Corridor, fell into a police ambush on Monday night.

They carried one dagger and IL.40 which they said they had received for the smuggled goods. In addition, they stated that a third infiltrator had escaped the ambush.

The police also detained a resident of the village for receiving the goods. *(Itim)*

Soviet Proposals on Korea Talks Backed by U.K., Opposed by U.S.

Russian Move Called 'Sleasy'

NEW YORK, Tuesday. — American U.N. delegate Henry Cabot Lodge, in a statement to newsmen after today's U.N. debate, attacked the Soviet peace conference resolution as a "sleasy manoeuvre designed to obscure the issues and let the Communists dominate the conference."

He complained that the proposal "opens the conference to neutrals, and ignores many countries which fought for the U.N. in Korea."

Last night, Senator Alexander Wiley, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said that the U.S. could withdraw from the U.N. if Communist China were admitted but he added that "such drastic action would undoubtedly mean the end of the organization and a serious setback for world peace."

Observers felt that Mr. Wiley's statement was meant to qualify the demand made by Republican Senate leader William Knowland that America should resign from the U.N. if China is admitted.

Senator Wiley said "To permit a revolutionary group which has been fighting the U.N. in Korea — and which claims it is the legitimate Government of China — to burst its way into the U.N. would be a very serious matter as far as the American public and Congress of the U.S. are concerned."

U.N. Debate on India's Part

UNITED NATIONS, Tuesday. — Russia today proposed that the Political Committee invite 11 nations to the Korean political conference. Britain and France gave the suggestion qualified approval but the U.S. flatly rejected it. The Allied split chiefly concerned the proposal to invite India. America was hostile to this while Britain applauded it as a reward for India's services towards the conclusion of the Korean war.

The American delegate wanted the conference to be limited to the means of unifying Korea, while Britain urged that it discuss wider issues and lead to a further conference to settle all outstanding Far East issues.

A draft resolution formally tabled by Soviet delegate Andrei Vyshinsky said "(the Committee) deeming it necessary to ensure the most favourable conditions for the successful work of the political conference.

"Recommends that a political conference on Korea should be convened consisting of the following members, the U.S., U.K., France, the U.S.S.R., the Chinese People's Republic, India, Poland, Sweden, Burma, the People's Democratic Republic of Korea and South Korea.

"It is understood that the decisions of the conference will be deemed to have been adopted if they have the consent of the parties which have signed the Armistice Agreement."

M. Vyshinsky stated that the Soviet Union would continue to press for the admission of China to the U.N. at the next regular session of the Assembly.

LODGE

VYSHINSKY

Earlier, the Committee rejected a Soviet move to have Communist China and North Korea invited to join in its discussions on the political conference.

The Committee, to which the General Assembly had referred the task of arranging the conference rejected by 34 votes to 18 with 7 abstentions, the Soviet proposal to invite North Korea, and by 34 votes to 14 with nine abstentions, the proposal to invite Communist China.

M. Henry Cabot Lodge, for the U.S., opposed the suggested invitations strenously.

"We are here to arrange the participation of our side," he said. There was no reason why the "other side" should have a voice in U.N. discussions of U.N. arrangements for the political conference.

The committee then voted against the proposed invitations.

Bound By Own Vote

Speaking in the general debate, Mr. Lodge said that the resolution submitted by the 16 nations with troops in Korea provided that each Government would be bound only by its own vote.

He opposed the inclusion in the conference of non-combatants, with the possible exception of Russia.

He stated that Russia could attend the political conference only on the aggressors' side.

"The Soviet," he said, "cannot, of course, participate on the side of those nations who contributed forces. Neither can it take part as a neutral. Article 60 does not contemplate any neutrals ... but we want to sit down the fact that the U.S. is willing to have the Soviet there if for no other reason than that she should bear her share of responsibility and accountability for peace."

He continued: "Those who go to the conference will do their best to bring about a united, independent and democratic Korea, the objective for which the U.N. has always stood.

"If the conference succeeded in this goal, the way would be open for further discussions, including, as appropriate, the calling of another conference to deal with other specified Far Eastern questions."

Deputy French Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann announced that his delegation favoured Geneva as the site of the political conference.

The conference itself should not be composed of two oppos-

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French M.P.s Ask To Meet to End Strike

PARIS, Tuesday (Reuter).—The recall of the French Parliament is expected to be ordered for next week—a move that might end the great strike movement but topple Prime Minister Joseph Laniel's two-month-old Government.

The Speaker of the National Assembly, Edouard Herriot, today convened for Friday a meeting of the Assembly's Bureau to consider requests from 215 Deputies for the recall of Parliament from its summer recess.

This is six more than the one-third of the Deputies required to make the recall mandatory. But because of the postal strike, only 153 demands have so far been backed by the necessary signed letters.

Most of the requests have come from the Communists and Socialists, with a sprinkling of Popular Republicans, Radicals and former Gaullists—an indication of the opposition M. Laniel will have to face in the Chamber.

The Prime Minister's second back-to-work appeal last night, coupled with the threat not to resume negotiations with the trade unions until the strike is over, produced little change in the situation today.

The unions show no sign of wavering. If Parliament is recalled, they might become more conciliatory.

On the surface, the country remained calm today as it has since the strike movement was last launched.

A further number of key railway and postal workers were arrested for defying requisition orders, but there was no obvious evidence of the additional emergency measures promised by M. Laniel last night.

Behind the scenes, the leaders of the Socialist, Catholic and Communist trade unions are meeting in almost continuous session, planning common policy.

Egypt May Get Arms from USSR

NEW YORK, Tuesday (INA).—"The New York Times" reports from Cairo today that Egypt has concluded formal agreements with both the U.S.S.R. and Czechoslovakia that may include the purchase of arms.

The paper says that Egyptian Foreign Ministry officials have declared that in the course of negotiations for a payments agreement between Egypt and the U.S.S.R. the latter agreed to furnish military equipment if requested to do so.

Contrary to earlier reports, there are no documents embodying an agreement to exchange Soviet arms for Egyptian cotton. The payments agreement simply authorizes each signatory to purchase freely from a list of available products submitted by the other, so long as the total exchange remains within flm. of balance.

It was thought that Egypt will send Russia cotton and magnesium in return for timber and machinery.

Egypt has already begun negotiations to purchase arms from the Skoda Works in Czechoslovakia on the terms of a similar payments agreement signed a year ago.

Diplomatic observers did not exclude the possibility of an Egyptian gesture towards the purchase of arms from the U.S.S.R. and its satellites as a tactical move designed to elicit rival offers of assistance from Western powers.

Pella Drafts Bill For Constitutional Court

ROME, Tuesday (UP). — Premier Giuseppe Pella's "non-political" Cabinet held its first meeting last night and approved what political observers termed "an exquisitely political measure."

It drafted a bill, to be laid before Parliament when it reconvenes after the August holidays, allocating funds for the Constitutional Court, a college of jurists contemplated by the Republican Statute but never actually set up.

The failure of former Christian Democrat Premier Alcide de Gasperi to take action on the Constitutional Court was one of the favourite topics of criticism by the Communists, who hold the Christian Democrats responsible for deliberately holding up the institution preventing unilateral interpretation of the Constitution.

Delay in U.K.-Egyptian Talks 'Only Technical'

LONDON, (UP). — The temporary postponement of the informal Anglo-Egyptian exchanges was authoritatively described here today as "purely technical" and as in no way reflecting an impasse in the current exploration of possibilities for a settlement of the Canal Zone dispute.

A new informal meeting was expected some time next week, when the outstanding issues are to come under further study.

Official British quarters dismissed suggestions that General Sir Brian Robertson is to be recalled from Cairo, although he may return next month for a short visit in connection with his recent appointment as Chairman of the Transport Commission.

Persia Not Changing Policy Towards U.S.

TEHERAN, Tuesday. — The Iran Foreign Minister Hussein Fatemi declared today that there would be no change in his country's policy towards the U.S. and there was no intention to close down Point Four "or other American establishments here."

Fatemi ridiculed the pretensions of General Fazullah Zahedi to be Premier by virtue of a warrant from the Shah.

Teheran Radio announced this morning a reward of $3,000 for information leading to the arrest of Zahedi who has been in hiding since the attempted *coup d'etat* on Sunday.

The Shah arrived in Rome today having fled the country on the day of the abortive coup. He declared that he had not abdicated, nor did he intend to stay away from his country permanently.

In Rome today, a friend of the Shah said that he looked worried and had aged considerably in the last month or so. He arrived with his wife Soraya and an aide aboard a B.O.A.C. plane from Baghdad.

The Shah is reported as having said in Baghdad that he still considered Zahedi as legitimate Premier.

The Tudeh pro-Communist Party today called on Premier Mossadegh to proclaim a Democratic Republic. Communists have been joining with Mossadegh supporters in anti-Shah rallies here.

Demonstrations have now been banned in the capital, and troops are patrolling the streets surrounding the Premier's home.

The Foreign Minister said today that the Government would "not allow sabotage of its activities by any political party against nations with whom we have diplomatic relations."

(AP, Reuter, UP)

Forced Labour Motion

UNITED NATIONS, Tuesday (Reuter). — The U.S. has asked the General Assembly to consider forced labour conditions behind the Iron Curtain at its next ordinary session.

Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge, Senior American delegate, said, "The U.N. debate should make clear to the entire world the inhuman conditions of forced labour existing in Communist countries in the so-called "workers' paradise."

"The General Assembly should express its firm determination that these conditions must be abolished."

Churchill Presides At Cabinet Meeting

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter).—Sir Winston Churchill sprang a surprise today by appearing suddenly from the country where he has been resting to preside over an unscheduled Cabinet meeting in Downing Street.

The Prime Minister has not been present at a Cabinet Meeting since June 24—immediately before the doctors ordered him to rest and to cancel his visit to Bermuda for the Western Big Three meeting.

The need for delicate handling of the Russian note in view of the coming West German elections was one of the main problems before the Cabinet.

The decision will be incorporated in the brief sent to British Minister in Paris, Patrick Reilly, who is to represent Britain at the discussions with France and the U.S. this week on the reply the Allies are to send to the Russian note.

The presence of service chiefs at today's meeting also suggests that another subject before the Cabinet was the informal talks which Britain is having with Egypt. But no confirmation of this was available.

Sanders Freed For U.K.-Hungary Trade

LONDON, Tuesday. — Mr. Harold Wilson, Board of Trade President in the late Labour Government, today disclosed the inside story of the "pardon," release and expulsion of British businessman Edgar Sanders after three-and-a-half years in a Hungarian jail.

Mr. Wilson, who imposed the British trade ban on Hungary after Sanders was imprisoned for espionage, played a prominent part in the negotiations for his release during his visit to Moscow and Budapest last May.

He said that he had then suggested to Hungary that a pardon or amnesty would solve the problem and produce a resumption of Anglo-Hungarian trade.

The Foreign Office announced today that Mr. Sanders' release would open the way to the resumption of trade with Hungary.

Mr. Sanders, 49-year-old Russian-born British national, representative in Hungary of the Standard Electric Company, was given a 15-year prison sentence in February 1950 for spying.

On arrival in Vienna today, Mr. Sanders stated that he had been subjected to "severe mental pressure," but was not physically tortured, before his trial.

An Italian, Sgt. Vincenzo Sciotti, sentenced to four years in prison in 1951 for complicity in espionage, was released with Mr. Sanders. *(AP, Reuter)*

Oren's Release Imminent

"The release of Mordecai Oren is imminent," Mr. Menahem Bader, Mapam leader and active campaigner on behalf of Oren, told an ITIM reporter at Lydda Airport yesterday.

His optimism was based on the announcement by the Hungarian Foreign Ministry of the release of Edgar Sanders, a British subject, who has been serving a 15-year sentence for espionage against Hungary.

Mr. Oren has been under detention in Prague for nearly two years.

Klebanoff for U.N.

Mr. Jacob Klebanoff, General Zionist M.K. has been invited by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett to be a member of the Israel Delegation to the U.N. General Assembly which will meet in New York on September 16.

TUNISIAN KILLED

TUNIS, Tuesday (Reuter). — A Tunisian detective was fired at and mortally wounded in Cape Bon in Northern Tunisia, today. Two other Tunisians were wounded.

IL.320 Given For Greek Relief

The sum of IL.320 has been contributed by Israelis in aid of Greek earthquake victims. The list of contributors is:

A number of Palestine Discount Bank managers and officials of Greek origin, IL.300; D. J. Shalom, IL.50; Shemtov Ergas, IL.20; Salvador Baniesh, IL.10; Dr. Haim Cohen, IL.10; Avraham Eliahu, IL.5; John Lifshitz, IL.5—all of Jerusalem and collected by the Palestine Discount Bank; Theodore David, IL.10.

Further contributions may be mailed or brought to the offices of *The Jerusalem Post* in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, or Haifa.

Commander Calls On Prime Minister

The Commander of the Israel flotilla yesterday called on the Greek Prime Minister, the Army spokesman announced.

Later he saw the Commander of the Greek Navy who expressed his heartfelt thanks for the flotilla's rescue operations during the earthquakes.

The Piraeus Port Commander and the Commander of the Southern District visited the Israel flagship, and the Israel flotilla Commander later returned the visit.

Ionian Villages Still Isolated

ATHENS, Tuesday (Reuter) — Inland villages cut off from the main centres are now the major problem for relief workers in the quake-stricken Ionian Islands.

Helicopters have been surveying the villages and dropping supplies by parachute, but most of them still have not been directly contacted.

First reliable official estimates now give 600 persons killed, 800 seriously injured and 1,500 less severely injured by last week's earthquakes.

Though immediate needs have been met, the destroyed islands will need help for many months.

Last night, fires were still reported in the famous library of Zante. Some rare books have been burned, including manuscripts of Denis Solomos, a famous Greek poet and author of the Greek national anthem.

Among latest international aid are the following:

The Soviet Red Cross and Red Crescent have given the Greek Red Cross 250,000 rubles.

Four Italian naval vessels have arrived at the Islands with provisions and fresh water. An Italian emergency hospital with five surgeons is operating at Argostoli.

British Navy medical teams are inoculating the islanders against epidemics.

McCarthy Says Govt. Printer Stole Secrets

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UP). — Senator Joseph McCarthy yesterday accused Edward M. Rothschild, a 43-year-old bookbinder at the Government Printing Office, of being a Communist and of stealing secret documents.

Mr. McCarthy's Committee is investigating employees of the Printing Office.

Rothschild's wife, Esther, was also branded by a former F.B.I. undercover agent as having once belonged to a Communist Party organization in Washington and as having served as Secretary of a Communist Civil Rights club.

S. AFRICA TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE

JOHANNESBURG, Tuesday (AFP). — The Union of South Africa will shortly send a Diplomatic Representative to Israel, it was learned here today.

The Jerusalem Post Political Correspondent points out that the question of South African representation in Israel was discussed during Prime Minister Malan's visit to Israel in June.

At that time, Dr. Malan promised to study the question and to make a decision soon after his return home.

Israel is represented in South Africa by a Legation and a Consulate. Mr. Semah Hyman is Minister.

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Social & Personal

Mr. Gideon W. Boissevain, Netherlands Minister to Israel, left by Swissair for home for two months leave yesterday.

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Mr. R. C. Brockman-White, Conservative Member of the British Parliament, and Mrs. E. M. Jorgan of the U.S. Democratic Party's National Committee, arrived by El Al on Monday night as the guests of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

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Mr. A. Dickenstein, Director of the Angel company in the U.S., arrived by El Al yesterday.

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Mr. S. Har Even, Galilee District Representative, returned by Swissair yesterday from England and Denmark.

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Dr. M. Hindes, Manager of Hadar Hacarmel Branch of the Bank Leumi, has returned from a visit to Canada.

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Mrs. Rose Isaacs, First Vice-President and Chairman of the Israel Committee of the Women's League for Israel, left by S.A.S. for the U.S. after a six-week visit, during which she surveyed the activities of the five Batei Halutzoth of the Women's League.

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Dr. A. Zelouk has left for Zurich as a delegate of the Israel Medical Association at the International Congress for Logopedics and Phonetics, and at the Paris Phonetical Congress, and for visits to several institutions for the deaf in Switzerland and the U.K.

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Mr. Hermann Deutsch, of "Beny" Shoes, has returned from an extended business trip to Europe, where he succeeded in obtaining a considerable number of export orders.

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Mr. Henry Aelion of Monte Carlo has arrived in Israel on a short visit.

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The Jerusalem section of the Royal Air Force Association Israel Branch is meeting at the Semadar Cafe at 8.30 p.m. on Thursday. All former members of the R.A.F. and W.A.A.F. are invited.

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ENGAGEMENT

Rubinstein — Lehmann

The engagement of Aryah Rubinstein and Connie Lehmann is announced in Jerusalem.

RIVA FOR ROME

LYDDA, Tuesday (ITIM).—Maria Riva, television star and daughter of actress Marlene Dietrich, left for Rome on a private visit by El Al last night. Mrs. Riva expects to return within a week, when she will begin working on a film with Mr. Yosef Yadin, of the Chamber Theatre.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ **Exhibitions:** —
Recent paintings by Maurice Darbois, "Artists' House, 10-1, 4-7.
Luristan bas-relief, 15th century B.C., (Mr. Harry Philipps' collection); 28 Oil canvases of O. Shabbat, "The Art of China and Japan." Bezalel National Museum, 9 a.m.-1 p.m./3-6 p.m.

★ **Archaeology:** —
Permanent exhibition, Dept. of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech, 9-1, 4-6.

★ **Film Shows:** —
Keren Hayesod, 11.30-12.30.

TEL AVIV

★ **Exhibitions:** —
"Graphic Art in Israel," "Masks of Primitive Nations," "Arts and Crafts of the Far East," American Designs, Museum, 10-1, 4-7.
Oils and watercolours by three artists: of Kibbutz Urim—Byle, Edelson and Stanger.—Galeria Zeira, 10-1, 4-7.

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HAZAMIR: The Blue Veil.
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ORION: The Sea Hornet.
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STUDIO: Madness of the Heart.
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ZION: My Son John.

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Review of Yesterday's Press

Jewish Community in Morocco Threatened by Nationalists

Commenting on recent events in Morocco, "Haboker" (General Zionist) says that new dangers are threatening the Jewish community there. Jews in all the French dependencies in North Africa are being submitted to growing pressure, because the leaders of the local nationalist movements see in the Jews a factor which supports the present French regime. The situation has particularly deteriorated in the last 12 years: the racial legislation of the Vichy Government has been abolished but in fact not much has changed; following the Arab League's incitement campaign there have been a number of attempted pogroms. The paper says that mass immigration from these countries may be expected in the near future and preparations should be made in time. The paper claims that through lack of organization much property has in the past been left behind and that this should not recur.

'Liquidate Ma'barot'

Mr. A. Harzfeld, writing in "Davar" (Histadrut), says that the liquidation of the *ma'barot* is our task for 1954. According to the Development programme, the number of families living in provisional housing will be reduced from 35,000 to 10,000 in the coming year; IL.45m. are needed to solve the problem completely, though apart from the difficulty of obtaining the money, the additional obstacle of finding the necessary building materials must be overcome. After the recent reorganization of "Amidar" the writer believes that the task could and should be accomplished in two years rather than in three and that IL.30-35m. may be sufficient. The inhabitants of the *ma'barot* will be settled in areas where development is of particular importance, e.g. near agricultural settlements, in Eilat, in the mining region of the South, in Jerusalem, Safad and Tiberias.

Several papers comment on the differences of opinion between Mr. Rokach and several Municipalities and a few Cabinet Ministers. "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) accuses the Minister of the Interior of trying to obtain dictatorial powers to control 50 Municipalities with a Labour majority, including Petah Tikva and Tiberias.

"Herut" on the other hand says that the Labour Municipalities wish to preserve the status they possessed in the past in an attempt to prevent all intervention by other institutions, including the Government.

Rokach's 'New Order'

"Hamodia" (Agudat Yisrael) sees a justification for leaving the Government Coalition in the present crisis, while "Hatzofe" (Mizrahi World Union) criticizes Mr. Rokach's "New Order", saying that the Ministry of the Interior has, under his leadership, distinguished itself both through lack of experience and an attitude of disrespect towards Municipalities which are not governed by the General Zionists. The paper accuses the Ministry of a spirit of "revenge" and says that the present crisis has been provoked by too much rigidity and too little objectivity in the Minister's relations with the Municipalities. The paper believes that a new Government crisis at the present time should be prevented and says that the General Zionists showed lack of political maturity in the "flag dispute".

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) accuses "Hador" (Mapai) and other papers of falsifying the recent Malenkov speech. According to these papers Malenkov stated that "a new state of peace" has been created through the reestablishment of diplomatic relations between the Soviet Union and Israel. The Communist paper says that the full text of the Malenkov speech has now been received, and it appears that the sentence about the "new state of peace" is a free invention of bourgeois falsifiers.

Zionist Archives Get More Gottheil Papers

A second large instalment of the personal papers and letters of the late Professor Richard Gottheil, of New York, one of the pioneers of the Zionist Movement in the U.S. and one of Herzl's closest friends, has been delivered to the Zionist Central Archives in Jerusalem by Mr. Carl Alpert, Public Relations Director of the Technion. Mr. Alpert was responsible for transferring the valuable historical material from the U.S. on behalf of Miss Eva Leon, sister-in-law of Prof. Gottheil.

The gift was received by Dr. G. Herlitz and Dr. A. Bein of the Archives. It comprises more than a thousand letters and other documents, including Prof. Gottheil's correspondence with Max Nordau, Israel Zangwill, Louis D. Brandeis and many others during the formative years of the Zionist Movement.

This first selection of the papers, including more than 100 previously unknown letters from Herzl, was transferred to the Archives by Mr. Alpert late last year.

Prof. Gottheil was President of the Z.O.A. from 1898-1904. During World War I, he was an Associate Member of the Provisional Committee for General Zionist Affairs which then conducted Zionist affairs in America.

Italian Fishermen Move to Ascalon

MIGDAL ASCALON, Tuesday. — The seven Italian fishermen who had been working on the fishing project in Eilat have given the project up and are moving here, it is learned here.

The senior member of the group was here last week to discuss final arrangements with the Afridar Company which has allotted them accommodation.

It is considered that the fishing prospects are better here than at Eilat because fish are more plentiful off the Ascalon coast and because the marketing of the catch will be very much easier.

PAN-ARAB EXPLOITATION OF DEAD SEA

A proposal to establish a Pan-Arab shareholders' company to exploit Dead Sea minerals has been made by the Jordan Government to member states of the Arab League, "Falastin," Old City daily, reports from Amman.

WELFARE HOMES WARN OF CLOSURE

Welfare institutions in the Capital are threatening to send home 200 children boarded with them by the Municipal Welfare Department which owes some IL.50,000 towards their maintance.

The Jerusalem Department head has informed Mayor Yitzhak Kariv that the social workers cannot continue without funds. One by one, department personnel were handing in their resignations, he said.

The Mayor had no financial solace to offer the Department when this critical situation was discussed at the Municipal Council meeting on Sunday.

AGENCY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ORIENTAL PUPILS

The sum of IL.100,000 has been allocated by the Jewish Agency for secondary school scholarships to children from oriental communities. This was announced last week by Mr. Berl Locker, Chairman of the Agency, to a group of 30 teachers from oriental countries who are attending a summer seminar here. Mr. Locker emphasized the importance of the teacher's role in raising the cultural level of backward communities.

RECEIVES FELLOWSHIP

Mr. Dan Silloni-Charas, an Israel student at the University of California, has been awarded the Core Foundation fellowship for further study in government. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charas of Haifa.

Another Israeli, Mr. Shlomo Efrat, son of Mrs. Gina Frigyes of Haifa, has received his B.A. degree at Reed College in Oregon. Mr. Efrat's thesis was on "French Colonial Policy and the Problem of Moroccan Independence." (The school is the only institution of higher learning in the U.S. that requires a thesis for a B.A. degree.)

TO STUDY HERE

Mrs. S. A. Fernandopoule, of Ceylon, and Mr. D.N. Dotha, of India, have been granted U.N. stipends to spend a month in Israel to study social welfare methods.

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FIRST PROGRAMME

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6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 7.45 Oriental Music (R). 8.30 Close Down.
12.00 N. "Music at Noon" (R). 12.30 Ballet Music (R). 1.45 Break for Music (R). 2.00 Close Down.
4.00 p.m. Siesta (R). 4.30 Variety (R). 5.15 Vocal Recital: Rema Seamonov. 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Musical Echoes (R). 7.20 Talk. 7.30 Cantoral Request Programme. 8.00 "Just Arrived" (R). 8.24 Bible Reading. 8.45 "I Remember..." 9.00 Twenty Questions. 9.30 Talk by S.Z. Cheshin. 9.45 Vocal Recital: Neomy Pincus. 10.10 T.A.-Belgrade Boxing Tournament. 10.40 Music (R). 11.00 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
(602, 236, 48.9 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.45 p.m. French: 2.00 p.m.
4.00 p.m. "Opera" (R). 5.00 Programme for Yemenites. 5.30 Music (R). 6.15 Close Down.
KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.8 M.): 11.15-12 Midnight: Newsreel: On Behalf of Israel: Music in our Land.

ARMY PROGRAMME: (44.6, 214, 226 & 229 M.): 4.30 Opening. 6.35 Recital: 7.00 Requests. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 This Week's Composer. 8.00 Gafni Zahal Band. 8.24 Tomorrow's "Bamahane." 8.30 News. 8.45 War Times. 9.00 "Twenty Questions." 9.30-9.35 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.
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Yemenite Theatre Turns Professional

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — "Inbal," the Eastern dance and theatre troupe which has been operating on a semi-private basis for the past four years, is about to appear on the professional stage here.

The group, organized and directed by Mrs. Sarah Levy-Tanai, was planned by her as an artistic vehicle that would give Jews from the Yemen an opportunity to express themselves theatrically in their own traditional way.

Yemenite Jews have had difficulty in finding their way onto the Hebrew stage, Mrs. Levy-Tanai explained to the press here today. Those who succeeded have been obliged to drop their distinctive accent and otherwise adjust themselves to prevailing habits.

"Inbal," which, until now, has played exclusively in settlements and before private audiences, will give two shows in the Ohel Theatre in Tel Aviv at the end of the month. Both will consist chiefly of dances and songs, but will include a few dramatic sketches. Later, when experience has been acquired, the group may produce full-scale plays.

While the first show will be almost entirely Yemenite in flavour, the second will be Israel in content and intent, but eastern in style.

"Inbal" — Hebrew for bell clapper (the bell is symbolic of Yemenite music) — is a troupe of 14 young men and women in their early twenties who, while still in their 'teens, were gathered together by Mrs. Levy-Tanai.

PCC Officer to Report On Refugee Bank Releases

Mr. John Gaillard, Political Affairs Officer at the UN Secretariat and now serving as special liaison officer between the Palestine Conciliation Commission and the Governments involved, is due to arrive here within the next few days, it is learned in Jerusalem.

Mr. Gaillard is expected to study the release of Arab refugee frozen bank accounts, and prepare a report for the U.N. Secretary General to present to the forthcoming General Assembly.

It is believed that, together with the Foreign Ministry, he will investigate the possibility of the further release of Arab refugee bank accounts in Israel.

The deadline for the submission of applications in this connection is August 31.

It is believed that the total sum of accounts requested for release will amount to approximately £800,000, that is, about £200,000 less than the sum allocated for that purpose by the Government.

PALESTINE ARAB TEACHER DIES

Khalil Sakhakini, a leading Palestine Arab educator, died on Sunday in Cairo, where he had been living since 1948. He was 80 years old.

He was headmaster of the Arab "A-Nahda" college in Jerusalem and author of textbooks which introduced the vocal system of teaching Arabic. His "El Jadid" even today is a popular textbook in Arab schools in the Middle East.

The "A-Nahda" college in Jerusalem was one of the most advanced educational institutions in Palestine, and the only one which accepted Jews as members.

Sakhakini was also a member of the Arab Language Academy in Damascus, and author of several books on literature.

Israel Scholars To Attend Conference

Professor H. Bergman, Dr. N. Rotenstreich and Dr. I. Bar-Hillel will represent the Hebrew University at the 11th International Congress of Philosophy to be held in Brussels from August 20 to 26.

The arrangements for the Congress are being made by Professor H. Perelman of Brussels, Honorary Secretary of the Belgian Friends of the Hebrew University. Prof. Bergman has been invited by the Belgian Friends to lecture in Antwerp on the University's work.

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Farmers' Forum

In Little Triangle villages, where the agricultural area reaches 120,000 dunams, a great change has taken place in Arab-type farming since this area was ceded to Israel. In the past, the majority of the fellahin were accustomed to grow only a few types of non-irrigated crops: durra and sesame in the summer, wheat and lentils in the winter. Today they grow every vegetable farmed in Jewish sectors.

The great difference in the method of cultivation and the introduction of crop diversity came about principally by changing from non-irrigated to irrigated methods of farming. Abandoned wells were repaired and new irrigation systems were introduced.

When the Little Triangle was ceded to Israel, irrigated farming was carried out on only 2.5% of the total agricultural area, while today the area has increased to 16%. With the completion of the plan to extend irrigation, the area in certain villages will reach 70% of all farm land.

More than 25,000 metres of pipes have already been laid, thus eliminating the need to bring water to fields in open mud canals which involves much waste. The income from one dunam of irrigated land is eight to ten times as much as that from non-irrigated land.

It is interesting to note that the system of irrigation here utilizes furrows or flooding methods and not one sprinkler is seen in the entire area.

Mechanized Agriculture

The fellahin use manure for heating and cooking with resulting damage to their fields which suffer from the lack of fertilizer. According to one mukhtar, if his village would receive factory-baked bread and thus eliminate the need for much home baking, the manure could be used to improve the soil. His calculations show that in his small village alone, the village burns 20,000 tins of this fertilizer each year.

The Development Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, which employs three officials for Arab villages, maintains the first mechanized agricultural unit of tractors and other agricultural equipment in the area. The unit moves from village to village and its equipment is in great demand as the benefits of mechanization are understood better. The unit is non-profit.

Measures Moisture

It is estimated that the damage caused by pests and fungi which attack stored produce amounts to more than IL.1m. each year. The principal reason for this loss is the high moisture content of the grains because of the storage methods. This causes, among other things, a break-down in proteins, leads to bad tastes, and destroys the ability of seeds to sprout.

The Plant Protection Department of the Ministry is demonstrating an instrument to measure moisture. It was designed locally according to international standards, is cheap and convenient to use.

Until now, owners of storage bins either used to work "blind" or sent samples to laboratories for examination.

Other experiments of the Department show that when grains are stored with little moisture, they are not attacked, with a resulting saving in insecticides. But with the increase in relative humidity during the winter, the pests become more active and more insecticides must be used.

Soya Without Irrigation

This season, attempts are going to be made to raise soya without irrigation. The experiment is being tried after it was shown through five years of research at a Government Experimental station, that the type, S100, is better than 60 other types brought from abroad, since it produces more than 100 kilograms of beans to a dunam, without irrigation.

New Group Enters WIZO Affula Farm

With the successful conclusion of the first year at the Wizo-Gadna farm at Affula, a new group of 65 boys aged 13-14, all inhabitants of *ma'barot* throughout the country, has been admitted to the farm.

Thirty-five of the boys who have now completed their first year of training at the farm, have gone to pioneering outposts for a holiday and will subsequently be given a course as group commanders *(m'fakdei kitah)*. After the course 20 of them will return to the Affula farm for an additional year of agricultural training.

INDUSTRIAL CROP OUTPUT RISES

The output of industrial crops was considerably enlarged during the past year, according to figures to be published in the 5714 (1953/54) Government Yearbook.

Virginia-type tobacco is being cultivated on 1,200 dunams of irrigated and 1,000 dunams of non-irrigated land, with the value of the crop exceeding last year's.

The Oriental tobacco crop, which is being cultivated on 54,000 dunams, yielded 3,000 tons, more than the annual local consumption.

The production of flax this year reached 7,000 tons, compared with last year's 3,500. The processing of the flax took place in a special location near Be'er Tuvia.

Private Firm to Plant Fruit Trees Near J'lem

A large investment by a private enterprise in an agricultural venture in the Judean Hills has been announced by the Jewish Agency.

The Cedar Valley Plantation Ltd. is now preparing 200 dunams at Kolonia near Motza, leased from the Jewish National Fund, for the planting of fruit trees. A considerable part of the IL.200,000 capital has been raised with the help of the Economic Department of the Jewish Agency.

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NEW YORK, (UP). — Billy Pierce pitched his third straight shutout, extending his string of consecutive scoreless innings to 34-2/3 Friday night, as the Chicago White Sox routed the Detroit Tigers, 7-0, and reduced the idle New York Yankees' League lead to 6-1/2 games.

Pierce, hurling a six-hitter for his 16th victory of the season, was backed by a 12-hit Chicago attack that sent left-hander Dilly Hoeft down to his 12th loss. The victory was the White Sox's fourth in five games and the loss the Tigers' second straight.

Luke Easter blasted two homers and Al Rosen hit one as the Cleveland Indians defeated the St. Louis Browns, 8-7, and Roy McMillan's single gave the Cincinnati Redlegs a 2-1 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals in 11 innings in other night games.

Scheduled night games between the Yankees and A's, Phillies and Giants, Pirates and Dodgers were rained out.

The Brooklyn Dodgers ruined the New York Giants' celebration of manager Leo Ducrocher's new contract the previous Wednesday when they overcame a five-run deficit to hand the Giants their fifth straight defeat, 6-5.

After tying the score in a riotous five-run seventh inning, featured by Duke Snider's grand-slam homer, the Dodgers got the winning run in the eighth inning when Bobby Morgan blooped a single to score George Shuba from third base. It was the Dodgers' fifth straight victory.

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Eilat	36	30	38	38

*A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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TELEPHONE connection was established between Migdal Ascalon and its new section, the Afridar quarter, yesterday afternoon. A 300-line automatic telephone exchange will begin operation within a few days.

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THE ATTEMPT of four marauders to enter the barn of a settlement in the Coastal Plain was foiled on Monday night by watchmen who opened fire in their direction.

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HOLON ma'bara's last tents have now been replaced by huts.

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FOR ASSAULTING and injuring a Lydda Municipality Sabbath inspector last week, Paula Krook, 37, a kiosk-owner, was sentenced to three days in prison with the alternative of a IL.3 fine by the Ramle Magistrate yesterday.

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FOR "SELLING" a new immigrant a room in the Police Station in the village of Mei Nephtoa, outside the capital, for the sum of IL.20 and a hen, Moshe Hassin, an ex-policeman, was sentenced in Jerusalem on Monday to nine months in prison.

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THE OFFICES of the Controller of Banks and the Committee for the Compulsory Loan have been transferred to the Mitzpa Building, Rehov Jaffa, Jerusalem. The new telephone number is 4614.

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INCOME TAX reports for the 1952/53 fiscal year must be filed by August 31.

Credit Up IL.29m.

The total volume of banking credits, amounted to IL.161.4m., on March 31, 1953, including credits to the amount of IL.43m. given from Government deposits. A year earlier, the total volume of banking credits amounted to IL.132.3m. as compared with IL.99.9m. on March 31, 1951, and only IL.39.7m. on March 31, 1948. This was revealed in a report on bank credits published by the Ministry of Finance in Jerusalem on Monday.

The division of credits according to economic branches indicates that the largest share this year—23.6%—went to agriculture. Industries received 18.2%, settlement institutions (the Jewish Agency, the National Funds, etc.) 11.8%, business, 10.3%, building 7.7%, local governments 4.5%, public utilities 4.8%, financial institutions 4.9%, and miscellaneous 14.2%.

A comparison of the above percentages with the division of credits in previous years indicates a growing share for agriculture, industries, local government and utilities, with a drop in credits for business and banking institutions, while credit for building remained fairly constant.

S.S. Haifa Due Today With Reparations Goods

HAIFA, Tuesday.—The s.s. Etrog arrived here this morning from Jaffa where she off-loaded the first consignment of German Reparations goods. She will continue unloading the rest of her cargo, which she took on in Britain and Holland.

The s.s. Haifa is due here within 24 hours with an all-German cargo. It is not yet definite as to where she will dock.

22 Immigrant Youths Returning to Hungary

HAIFA, Tuesday.—The Rumanian freighter, s.s. Constanca will take 22 emigrants, most of them aged from 20 to 30 years and single, to Hungary, from which country they arrived a few years ago.

This is the first group within a year to be permitted to return to Hungary. The young men are not very communicative on the reasons for their decision. It is learned that the Hungarian Consulate here has defrayed all their travel expenses.

The ship, which is due back from Beirut tomorrow, will also take two tons of Israel wool to Rumania.

Lydda-Teheran Route Ended by Air France

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The only remaining direct service between Lydda Airport and Teheran has been ended by Air France, it was learned here today.

A spokesman for the company explained that the service is no longer an economic proposition, in view of the fact that the number of through passengers is small, while intermediate stops in Arab states are, of course, out of the question.

The air contact between Persia and Israel will not be entirely cut by this move, however, since El Al maintains a service to Istanbul, and K.L.M. maintains one between Istanbul and Teheran.

Infant Drowns in Tub

NATANYA, Tuesday. — Two-year-old Yitzhak Bach drowned last night when he fell into a washtub in the courtyard of his grandmother's home at Avihayil near here. The body was taken to Tel Hashomer Hospital.

Huleh Dredgers Set

The first dredger at the Huleh site. Photo by Schlesinger

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Construction Aggregates Corporation, the American Contracting Company carrying out the Huleh Drainage project, has sent three giant dredgers to Galilee in preparation for the scheme's second stage.

The dredgers will begin digging canals through the Huleh swamp into which swamp-water and winter flood-waters will flow.

The Jewish National Fund, which is sponsoring the redemption of the last major swamp in Israel, hopes that fertile land will be ready for the plough within two years. The first stage, widening and deepening the Jordan river bed to accommodate flood-pressure, was completed by Solel Boneh within a little more than a year.

Engineers, prior to starting canal excavations, laid a road connecting the swamp with the highway.

A J.N.F. spokesman denied that recent Syrian threats against engineers on the site near Binot Ya'acov bridge were provoked by these operations. Israel was obliged to restrict all excavations to the western bank of the Jordan although the eastern bank was technically "no-man's-land."

Water Trickles Into Kubeiba

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KUBEIBA, Tuesday. — A trickle of water was again allowed into this settlement by the Mekorot Company this afternoon after a stoppage of over a fortnight, which included eight completely dry days.

The water doled out was hardly sufficient for a shower or to moisten the small dried-out vegetable patches near the settlers' wooden huts. There was not enough with which to attack the piles of dirty linen or to bring back hundreds of children to a state of comparative cleanliness. The water supply had been stopped by Mekorot Company for non-payment of rates. (IL.1,500 per family).

Kubeiba is a housing quarter of wooden huts, constructed by the Amidar Housing Company eight months ago as an addition to the remains of an abandoned Arab village. It is situated near Rehovot, but is not attached to any Local Authority. Amidar had built huts for 400 families, 270 of which now use them; many huts are empty.

90% Unemployed

About 90% of Kubeiba's bread-winners are unemployed and have been so since the end of the citrus-picking season. The local Labour Exchange and the Rehovot Exchange supply the residents with two weeks of relief work every six weeks at a rate of IL.3,300 a day. About 70 of the families are recognized social cases and a local social worker from the Ministry of Welfare pays the Kupat Holim branch its fees on behalf of the residents, and distributes an average of IL.1,500 per person for bread.

There have been four cases of infantile paralysis and innumerable cases of dysentery among children in recent weeks. Local Kupat Holim workers said that semi-starvation coupled with impossible sanitary conditions were the main causes.

Most of the huts in the settlement are bare of all private possessions with the exception of beds. The quarter is littered with piles of refuse which have not been collected for weeks. There are no dust bins.

'Brought Forcibly'

Most of the residents were brought here last February from the Kfar Saba ma'bara. They say that they were brought forcibly for alleged dealings with Arabs from across the border. Since then, they claim, they have been left without care in an area where unemployment is severe.

The second section of Kubeiba, the abandoned Arab village, houses 120 families who are better off, as they have been in the area longer and have secured a certain number of jobs. But there, too, many are unemployed. They suffer most from the water shortage, as their houses are situated on a knoll and no water reaches them at present.

Today's limited water supply which is expected to continue, was the product of the intervention of the Rehovot District Office, which asked the Mekorot Water Company to be lenient.

Sewage Plan Approved For Tel Aviv

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Central sewage water purification plant for Tel Aviv will be situated near the Reading Power Station on the northern bank of the Yarkon River, from where the water will flow either to the Negev for irrigation, or into the sea, the Regional Sewage Committee has decided, it was announced today.

The committee, composed of heads of Municipalities and Councils of Tel Aviv, Ramat Gan, Bnei Brak, Petah Tikva, Holon, Bat Yam, and Givatayim, made its recommendations on the basis of plans drawn up by Mr. Henry Kaufman, the British expert who conceived a regional sewage disposal plan two years ago.

That plan has now been replaced by a less ambitious one. The old plan of drawing all the sewage waters from Greater Tel Aviv to the Negev had been found to be too costly.

Separate plans have been approved for other areas in Greater Tel Aviv.

Mrs. Ben-Zvi Receives Haifa Working Mothers

Mrs. Rahel Ben-Zvi yesterday entertained to luncheon at the President's home a delegation of eight women representing the Haifa Branch of the Organization of Working Mothers, headed by Mrs. Abba Khoushy.

Among the problems discussed were those of working mothers, ma'barot and children's camps. Mrs. Ben-Zvi was pleased to hear that 60 Arab children have been sent to summer camps by the Organization.

The delegation invited Mrs. Ben-Zvi to visit Haifa institutions.

CORRECTION

The Ayanot School, near Ness Ziona, is jointly sponsored by WIZO and the Working Women's Council.

AS A RESULT of the intercession of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Chamber of Commerce, the Tel Aviv Municipality has decided that persons who appeal against business tax assessments will no longer be required to deposit money in escrow.

Mayor Kariv Warns Tax Delinquents

Jerusalem Post Reporter

At yesterday's Municipal Council meeting which finally covered its agenda and rose for a six-week recess, Mayor Kariv threatened delinquent taxpayers with the removal of "unnecessary" furniture from their homes as a measure to speed tax collections.

He observed with pride that the road to the Hasidoff Housing Project had been built by the Engineering Department for IL. 25,000 as compared with estimates and bids for IL.52,000.

In discussing health measures, Mr. M. Friedman (Histadrut) pointed out that 16 cowsheds still are situated within the city, although seven months have elapsed since the Council decided to have them moved. Rabbi Porush, Deputy Mayor, agreed that it could not afford the transfer.

Among the resolutions adopted, was a set of by-laws governing procedure for Council sessions.

At the opening of the session, the Mayor welcomed the new Hebrew newspaper "Zmanim," which will appear on September 1 in Jerusalem.

The garbage tax is to be retroactive to October 1952. The tax is IL.6 a month for each inhabited room and for buildings other than dwellings, one-third of the annual Municipal tax.

The by-law also stipulates collecting this rate from institutions and buildings housing diplomats, which are exempt from other taxes, on the basis of IL. 12 for each 25 square metres or part thereof.

The Council decided to convene at least once during the recess. Any unanimous committee decision which needed immediate implementation would be passed by mailed votes.

Capital's Problems Aired With Knesset Unit

The Knesset Economic Committee received a delegation yesterday representing the Jerusalem Municipality, the Labour Council, the Development Corporation, Manufacturers' Association, and Labour Office. The Committee, presided over by Mr. H. Rubin (Mapam), discussed a number of long-standing difficulties.

The agenda included closing of ma'barot, water and electric supply, bank credits, development plans, industry, and allied problems.

Strike Called Off

Jerusalem's Municipal Employees called off a one-hour warning strike yesterday to protest non-payment of wages and salaries as the Clerks' Union refused to authorize the demonstration, it was learned.

Mayor I. Kariv has promised payment of most of last month's salaries by Friday. The Employees' Council threatens to strike if the promise is not carried out.

Slight Drop in Number Of Unemployed

The number of jobless dropped by 100 to stand at 16,400 in the week ending August 7, the Ministry of Labour announced yesterday. Women accounted for 2,522, and 10,712 registered as unskilled labourers.

The centres of unemployment were: Jerusalem, 2,682; Haifa, 2,098; Tel Aviv, 1,372; Petah Tikva, 935; Ramat Gan, 781; Rehovot, 650; Rishon LeZion, 622; Migdal Ascalon, 452; Natanya, 446; Holon 420; and Hadera, 394.

A delegation of the Manufacturers' Association and of the Artisans' Association met yesterday with the Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson, and discussed the question of increasing employment in industry, crafts and the building trades.

New Rate Cuts Scrip Sales

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Since the new exchange-rate came into force six weeks ago, queues at Scrip-shops have been dwindling, and Scrip firms report that business is bad.

The public has found it cheaper to buy on the black market than to trade with Scrip certificates: a kilo of chocolate costs IL.3,400 on the black market after competition forced down prices from 500 pruta a bar to 340 pruta.

A kilogram of Scrip chocolate costs £2, or IL.3,600 according to the new IL.1,800=$1 rate.

Sugar and meat, the two most important items available in the shops, are now only 800 pruta a kilogram and IL.1,500 a tin in the Carmel Market in Tel Aviv. Other tinned goods, fruit, vegetables and jam are piling up in the Scrip shops because local supply more than meets demand.

An agent of the largest Scrip firm disclosed that the American companies have been deliberating whether it is worthwhile to continue trading in certificates unless the Israel Government reduced customs on Scrip goods, now 250 pruta a kilogram.

The belief that sugar and confectionery will be decontrolled in the near future has lessened still further the demand for Scrip. Chocolate will soon join the list of items deleted from stock. According to Scrip branches, Elite and Lieber sweets are now on sale freely. The Ministry of Commerce has not issued any decontrol order although control has long been ineffective.

To stimulate flagging sales, Scrip firms have launched an all-out publicity campaign, intended to coincide with seasonal buying at the New Year. They report that August was, as is normal, a "dead" month, and that prospects might brighten during the festivals.

One firm, undaunted by the changed economic atmosphere, opened a large branch in Jerusalem last week, furnished with a sufficient number of refrigerators to supply the Capital with butter and sausage.

CITRUS SUBSIDIES

The question of granting subsidies to citrus growers was discussed yesterday in Jerusalem by Finance Minister Levi Eshkol and representatives of the Citrus Marketing Board.

It was decided that, following this first meeting and an examination of the data which the representatives had brought, an additional meeting would be held.

Mr. Yosef Efrati, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, was present during the discussions.

Date Extended For Opting Out of Schools

Parents who wish to enrol their children in non-State schools will have until August 30 to notify the local educational authorities the Minister of Education has announced. This is an extension of the date previously announced.

Such parents are requested to have their signature certified by two witnesses or by the Principal of the school in which their child studied during the year 1952/53.

MANDELBAUM GATE TO CLOSE FOR THREE DAYS

Mandelbaum Gate will be closed for three days from tomorrow morning on the occasion of the Moslem feast of Id el Adha, "A-Diffa" reports.

Members of the Consular Corps and the U.N. staff who wish to extend holiday greetings to the Old City District Commissioner will be permitted to cross the lines for two hours tomorrow morning.

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Eisenhower to Open Baruch Project

NEW YORK, Tuesday (USIS). — President Eisenhower tomorrow will dedicate one of the 39 public housing projects completed or planned for this city.

The newly-constructed Baruch housing project is named in honour of the late Dr. Simon Baruch, father of Mr. Bernard M. Baruch, who celebrates his 83rd birthday tomorrow. Mr. Baruch, "elder" statesman" of the U.S., has served as adviser to many American Presidents.

The Baruch project comprises 17 apartment building in a former slum area of downtown New York. The apartments range from three-and-a-half to six-and-a-half rooms.

The buildings spread over approximately 30 acres. They represent less than 13% of the total space given to the project. Gardens and playgrounds occupy the rest of the development area.

The first tenants are scheduled to move in this Autumn. Only families in the lower income bracket are eligible to become tenants. Their annual income must range from $2,600 for a childless couple to $3,300 for a family with three children. Rents average $39 a month.

Bernard Baruch, born in Camden, South Carolina, in 1870, the son of a Polish immigrant doctor, began work at $3 a week, and made his first million dollars before he was 30 years old.

Although a Democrat, he was privileged to act as adviser both to Democratic and Republican Presidents.

As a Jew, Mr. Baruch was far removed from Zionism and rarely came in contact with the leaders of the Movement. For this reason Dr. Weizmann resented the negative advice Mr. Baruch gave to Mr. Churchill on the question of the partition of Palestine and the creation of an independent Jewish State.

Yet, when finally the question came before the General Assembly, Mr. Baruch's fairness and ever-youthful imagination were again fired by the greatness of the cause, and he headed a Commission to support the final resolution for partition and the independence of Israel.

Israel May Lose Value As 'Bridge'—Roth

Israel as well as the entire Middle East may lose its political and economic value as a bridge between the East and West with the development of international communications, Dr Cecil Roth, Reader in Jewish studies at Oxford University, stated in an interview yesterday in Jerusalem.

Dr. Roth said that he had come to observe at first hand the "social and revolutionary phenomena" arising out of the Ingathering of the Exiles. Queried if there was anything to the Arab propagandists' claim that Israel had no future because of her diversity of languages and cultures, he replied that experience had proved this charge to be unfounded.

The absorption of immigrants had revealed many surprises, he remarked. The Yemenites, for example, had never before been fishermen and sailors, but adopted these vocations with success.

Dr. Roth's book on "Jews in the Time of the Italian Renaissance" is shortly to be published in Hebrew by Mossad Bialik. *(Itim)*

Force Not Used, D.A. Asserts

The preliminary statements to the police made by Mordecai Freund and David Blau were given of their own free will, the District Attorney, Mr. Ezra Hedays, argued before the District Court in Jerusalem yesterday.

The Court must determine the validity of the preliminary statements made by the two men, who are charged with having attempted to plant a bomb in the Ministry of Education building in Jerusalem.

"The police," the District Attorney conceded, "are not angels. But at the same time we must be practical and temperate in our criticism of them. It is hard to expect police officers to be polite and not to raise their voices when they seek to unravel a crime."

Both the accused charge that their preliminary statements were obtained by cajolery and threats. *(Itim)*

Padded Payroll Charged in Zichron

The State Controller's Office yesterday received a complaint from Zichron Ya'acov that the afforestation payroll contained the names of many persons who seemingly had not been employed, "Ma'ariv" reported yesterday. About IL.20,000 was allegedly paid in wages to these persons.

The Attorney General's Office immediately opened an investigation. The State Controller's Office refused to express an opinion on the subject until the inquiry is finished.

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ORDINARY		
Income Tax	IL.55,500,000	
Customs	23,000,000	
Fuel	20,000,000	
Excise		
Tobacco	11,000,000	
Drinks	7,000,000	
Miscellaneous	2,000,000	
Luxury and Purchase Tax	12,800,000	
Foreign Travel Tax	1,800,000	
Property Tax		
Urban	2,600,000	
Rural	380,000	
Revenue stamps		
Entertainment	1,200,000	
Others	1,200,000	
Licence Fees	3,600,000	
Services		
Land Registry	1,500,000	
Others	3,250,000	
Betterment Tax	750,000	
Inheritance Tax	400,000	
Miscellaneous	500,000	
		IL.169,750,000
SPECIAL		
Income Tax for education	4,500,000	
Purchase tax for local authorities	900,000	
Entertainment revenue stamps for local authorities	1,200,000	
Licence Fees= local authorities	1,900,000	
Collections on account of loans and Govt property (including collections on account Claims & Counterclaims agreement with England)	10,000,000	
Income for subsidies on essentials	3,500,000	
Arnona Fund	295,000	
Development Authority	210,000	
Forced Loan=Property Tax	215,000	
		IL. 20,720,000
COMMUNICATIONS AND POSTS		
Ports and Airfields	7,180,000	
Railways	3,055,000	
Posts, telegraph, telephone and radio	16,375,000	
Post Office Bank	50,000	
		IL. 26,560,000
		IL.314,330,000

EXPENDITURE

ORDINARY		
President and his Office	IL. 54,500	
Knesset	818,630	
Cabinet	72,000	
Prime Minister's Office	1,899,700	
Ministry of Finance	6,185,000	
" " Defence	42,000,000	
" " Health	12,500,000	
" " Religious Affairs	1,550,340	
" " Foreign Affairs	3,465,000	
" " Education & Culture	17,310,000	
" " Agriculture	3,509,000	
" " Commerce & Industry	4,273,000	
" " Police	13,900,000	
" " Justice	1,930,000	
" " Social Welfare	6,650,000	
" " Labour	4,225,000	
" " Development	326,300	
" " Interior	1,223,000	
" " Interior Local Authorities	500,000	
State Comptroller	712,800	
Pensions & Rehabilitation of War Casualties and families	4,260,000	
Technical Assistance	1,980,000	
Pensions and Compensation for Dismissed Workers	1,000,000	
General Reserve	2,037,000	
Special Reserve	327,250	
Special Budget	25,000,000	
		IL.159,018,600
TRANSFERRED		
Ministry of Education & Culture	4,500,000	
Ministry of Interior, Local Authorities	4,000,000	
Arnona Fund	295,000	
Development Authority	210,000	
Forced Loan=Property Tax	215,000	
		IL. 9,220,000
SPECIAL		
Debts and Interest (including payments on account Claims and Counter-claims agreement with England)	16,[illegible]	
Contribution to Development Budget and redemption of Real Estate Bonds	3,000,000	
Grant for Subsidies on Essentials	2,500,000	
		IL. 21,500,000
COMMUNICATIONS AND POSTS		
Ministry of Communications:		
Central Office and other depts.	1,134,000	
Ports and airfields	7,189,000	
Railways	4,334,000	
Ministry of Posts		
(Posts, telegraph, telephone, radio)	13,705,400	
Post Office Bank	200,000	
		IL. 26,561,400
		IL.218,330,000

U.N. DEBATE

(Continued from Page 1)

ing camps but should be a "joint discussion." All those who could usefully participate in the negotiations should be invited, M. Schumann added.

Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, British Minister of State, stated that Britain did not wish to perpetuate at the Korean conference "the concept of two sides, to have the peace conference as a kind of political Panmunjom."

He said that the provision in the resolution submitted by the 16 powers with troops in Korea that participating Governments act at the conference with full freedom of action, "clearly ensures that the political conference becomes a true conference, and not a negotiation between two sides."

Mr. Lloyd announced that Britain welcomed the separate resolution sponsored by Australia and New Zealand recommending the participation of the Soviet Union.

Recalling that Britain was co-sponsoring the resolution recommending the participation of India in the conference, Mr. Lloyd added:

"We believe that India can make an important contibution to the success of the conference because she is a major Asian power, because she has already contributed significantly to this session towards the solution of the Korean problem and because she has provided the Chairman of the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission."

"Our view is that successful progress on Korean questions at the political conference should lead to discussions or negotiations on wider issues affecting the Far East, including that of Indo-China," Mr. Lloyd concluded. *(AP, Reuter, UP)*

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Cables in Brief

AMBASSADOR. — The British Ambassador to Russia, Sir Alvary Gascoigne, left Moscow by a R.A.F. plane for London yesterday after 21 months in Russia.

AZERBAIJAN. — Soviet Azerbaijan, bordering on Persia, has named Teimur Kuliev as successor to its disgraced Prime Minister D. A. Begirov, Baku radio said yesterday.

DEMOCRAT.—Edward J. Flynn, American Democratic Party leader, died on Monday night while on holiday in Ireland.

ROBBERY.—Gunmen held up a branch of the Franklin National Bank in Floral Park, New York, yesterday, abducted the assistant cashier and escaped with $18,000. The cashier was later released unharmed.

SABOTAGE. — Polish partisans dynamited the Polish-Russian "Blue Express" train and killed an unknown number of top Communist passengers two weeks ago, refugee East German railway workers have reported to "Voice of America."

France Sues Lebanon Over Nationalization

THE HAGUE, Tuesday (Reuter) — France has instituted proceedings against the Lebanon in the International Court of Justice for alleged wrongs suffered by a French electricity company holding Lebanese concessions.

The Court announced that France asked for a ruling that the Lebanon must enter into negotiations with the company and make good the damage suffered.

The Societe Electricite de Beyrouth concessions in the Lebanon were put under provisional State control by decrees of March 19 and April 4 this year, following a series of difficulties which had arisen between the company and the Lebanese Government since 1951.

Nagib Off to Mecca

CAIRO, Tuesday (Reuter). — President Mohammed Nagib, wearing the traditional pilgrim's white robes, took off at dawn today from Cairo Airport aboard a military plane for his pilgrimage to Mecca.

With him were Major Salah Salem, Minister of National Guidance and two other Cabinet members.

Vice-Premier Gamal Abdel-Nasser will act as Prime Minister in President Nagib's absence.

COLOMBO ALERT TO COMMUNIST UNREST

COLOMBO, Tuesday (UP). — Security forces equipped with tanks and machine guns patrolled Colombo today while the Ceylon Parliament met to head off, by tighter laws, a Communist threat of insurrection.

Police raided Communist Party headquarters in the town of Kandy yesterday, seizing a manifesto which contained Party plans for stockpiling arms to equip guerrilla units in the fight for national independence."

ENGLAND IN SIGHT OF 'ASHES' AFTER 20 YEARS

England is in a fine position to win the fifth and final match of the Test at the Oval, London, and thus to regain the "Ashes" after 20 years. The first four were drawn.

At the end of the third day's play, yesterday, the score was: Australia, 275 and 162; England, 309 and 28 for one. England thus needs 94 to win, with nine wickets still standing.

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Groundwork for Peace Conference

By GEORGE LEONOF

THE special session on Korea, which opened the day before, began its work yesterday, and it is to be expected that by the end of the week the representatives of the major powers will have indicated their country's attitude as to the next steps to be taken to restore peace in Korea. More specifically, the issues at stake are the composition of the peace conference, its scope and its pattern of work. Israel and other representatives at the United Nations probably will not always find it easy to judge all the issues on their merits in the maze of divergent proposals and contradictory suggestions between West and East, between some Asian countries and others, and within the Western camp itself. The vote record of every country will be closely scrutinized in all interested quarters, and the large measure of importance thus attributed to it makes it imperative that there should be utmost clarity with regard to the agenda and the questions arising out of it.

KOREA AT THE U.N.

There will be much dissension between the Powers as to the scope of the political conference to be convened within ninety days. Article Sixty of the Armistice Agreement is somewhat loosely worded, and says that the topics of the conference should be "the future of Korea, the withdrawal of foreign troops, et cetera." The West is mainly, if not exclusively, interested in the first part of the sentence, while the Communists put the stress on "et cetera", which might, indeed, include almost anything. But this bridge is yet to be crossed, and the present differences of opinion between the U.S. and Britain and between the other countries, concern the prospective members of the peace conference.

The U.S. has only reluctantly accepted the proposal that Russia should be invited, which is difficult to understand, if only because the Korean war would neither have been launched nor concluded without Soviet knowledge and support, and it would therefore be highly unrealistic not to include the leading country of the Eastern Bloc. America, however, has insisted that the invitation should come from North Korea rather than from the other side, which means that Washington does not view with enthusiasm the British proposal for a round table conference. More complicated is the matter of the proposed invitation to India (by Britain), which is rejected by Washington for several reasons. One is that it would be difficult, once this rule has been bypassed, to keep other non-belligerents out of the conference, and there would be no end to arguments as to who should take part and who not. Another, more incisive, argument is that India has deliberately taken a neutral position in the Korean dispute.

India's many friends in this country have been at a loss to explain the fact that despite Delhi's recognition of this country long ago, no steps appear to have been taken by the Nehru Government to seal the recognition with normal diplomatic relations, which might be regarded, on an entirely different level, as a reflection on what is called in Washington, perhaps somewhat crudely, "appeasement." On the other hand, nothing will be done to estrange India by refusing her her seat in the peace conference, if indeed she desires to participate, which, after Mr. Nehru's recent declaration, is not altogether clear.

America's irritability vis a vis her critics is understandable. When all is said and done, the main effort to stem aggression in Korea has fallen to the United States, who, in the last resort, have contributed much more to the preservation of world peace in blood, brawn and brain than some of her critics, whose main preoccupation has been to denigrate this exertion, and whose unending lamentations and dilettante advice have been a difficult trial for all.

If, however, the U.S. should oppose China's eventual admission, this would show that Washington does not wish squarely to face the facts, in itself a perilous compromise with the emotions prevailing on the domestic scene.

THE role of the United Nations General Assembly now meeting in extraordinary session to discuss the organization of the Korean Peace Conference is to be limited to three "W's" — Who, Where and What. It must decide on the composition of the conference, and recommend the site and agenda of the talks.

Technically, at least, it is further restricted by the terms of the Armistice Agreement, which state that the conference must be held within 90 days of the signing of the armistice—setting the deadline at October 27, and that the participants are to be "both sides" involved in the Korean war, which if stretched to the maximum strict interpretation would mean the Chinese People's Republic and North Korea on the one side, and South Korea and the 16 United Nations who had contributed armed forces in the conflict on the other

Russia to Participate

On the insistence of Britain and other Commonwealth nations, however, the 16 U.N. members who fought in Korea have won the U.S. over to the view that an invitation should also be extended to the Soviet Union, "provided the other (Communist) side desires it." The Commonwealth nations were less successful in their attempt to seat India at the peace conference, but Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand are nevertheless expected to carry their proposal over to the Assembly floor, where it will have the support of the 14-nation Arab-Asian bloc and will no doubt be acceptable to the five Soviet votes (USSR, Ukraine, Byelorussia, Poland and Czechoslovakia).

Mr. Lester Pearson, President of the Assembly, telescoped this role into a diplomatic nutshell when he said in his opening address on Monday that the Assembly would not discuss the substance of the peace settlement, but simply provide the machinery to bring it about. But even before he spoke it was patently obvious that the kernel was too big for the shell.

Curtain Raiser

Despite the tendency to treat the extraordinary session as some sort of formal curtain-raiser to the more important business to be tackled at the political conference, the current meeting is a crucial test of the prestige and authority of the United Nations. Whether or not it so wishes, the session must inadvertently defend the very principle on which the world organization was founded, and in the process test the sincerity of those of its members whose oft-repeated and avowed policy is to maintain the peace of the world through full cooperation with the United Nations Organization.

While the Korean war was in progress the urgency of military operations made it impossible for the 60-nation organization to consult in plenary session on the course of hostilities. Now that the nations have their fingers off the trigger, the pressure of military expediency is no longer a good excuse and the voices of more than 40 members who had no hand in the conduct of the operations must be heard. Yet the United Nations is faced with the task either of overriding certain commitments by its more powerful members which contradict its stated purpose, or of feebly ignoring the existence of such commitments in the interests of a superficial show of unity which will be in grave danger of dissipating once it is applied to the political conference on a Korean peace settlement.

The Korean war was the first military operation ever undertaken in the name of a world organization. The aim of this operation, — to halt aggression — has been achieved. The political conference is also a United Nations undertaking, and comes as the logical and inevitable sequence of the aim achieved. Yet the U.N. is already faced with the threat that the United States will walk out on the talks three months after their inauguration if it feels that the Communists are not negotiating in good faith, and the American Secretary of State has said that the U.S. will itself be the judge of whether the faith is good. Later, Mr. Dulles said that the U.S. will first consult its allies on the question, but without retracting his former statement.

Troops To Evacuate

Also, under the terms of the Armistice Agreement, the United Nations is committed to the formula that all foreign troops must evacuate Korea. How this can be made to conform with the draft treaty on mutual defence agreed on by the U.S. and South Korea, which grants the U.S. military bases and the right to station troops in South Korea, remains to be seen.

The President of South Korea, Syngman Rhee, has declared that unless South Korean demands are acceded to within a stated period, he reserves the right to resume military operations, and, as India's Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru stated in New Delhi on Monday, "agreements have been made and assurances given which have not been made fully public, and we do not know how far they might hinder the full discussion of this problem (final peace settlement) in a political conference."

Egypt's Policy of Pin-Pricks

Attempts to Undermine Wafd

By M. J. GORDON

CAIRO—

THE spectacular Graft trials, especially the £22m. claim against Fuad Serageldin, Madame Nahas and her brother along with a handful of cotton magnates (accused of rigging the cotton market a couple of years ago), has brought out into the open in detail what, at the time, had been only guesswork and scandalous rumour.

This particular case has disclosed something new—the evident determination of Nagib's Government to destroy the Wafd. It had already abolished all political parties and seized their funds but the nation-wide organization of the Wafd was still not beyond the possibility of resuscitation. It is now generally taken for granted that the Government will prove its case and if so it is hard to see how the Wafd can possibly survive such a blow. In this way the Government has removed one potentially serious rival.

Renewed Negotiations

Meantime everyone expects the Canal Base negotiations to start again. Their brusque breaking off of negotiations in May left President Nagib and his colleagues in the air. Their heavily publicized insistence that Britain should accept immediately, and without condition, Egyptian Canal Base demands has been attributed by some to their error of judgment in assessing their own public opinion.

Today it is well understood that it is now their desire to reach agreement but their intransigence during the intervening months has made it difficult for them to give way without loss of face, which frankly they cannot afford.

It is characteristic of the Egyptian in political discussions to convey to the world the impression that he is always the stronger party and that it is always the other fellow who must come to him hat in hand. As the British showed no sign of any willingness to adopt such an attitude particularly after Prime Minister Churchill took over the Foreign Office, both parties to the dispute owe much to the tactful way in which the Pakistani Chargé d'Affaires, Sayed Tayeb Hussein, brought them together round his agreeable dinner table.

Control of Technicians

Egyptian insistence on the prior acceptance of their conditions seems to be less vehement than it was and indeed the moderation of the Arabic newspapers has been commented upon. The heart of the problem remains the control of the technicians who are to be left behind by the British when they pull out of the base.

On this subject of technicians, a good deal of mystery surrounds the departure of Otto Remer from Egypt. The news of his arrest in Cairo was released in such a form as to suggest that the Egyptian Government knew nothing about his presence in the country and that as soon as they discovered he was here they asked him to leave. That is not true. Remer, who is "wanted" in West Germany where a three months' prison term awaits him, has been in Egypt for some considerable time and is understood to have acted as a technical adviser to the Egyptian armed forces. The official statement declared that on his first appearance at the Egyptian frontier some months ago he was refused admittance, but later got in via Syria with a false passport. The Egyptians surely cannot expect anyone to believe they are so foolish as that. In getting rid of him, President Nagib and his colleagues have, it is generally understood, yielded to the persuasive methods of the German diplomatic mission here acting on instructions from Bonn. Doubtless Chancellor Adenauer would be anxious to oblige Prime Minister Churchill whenever possible and the Egyptians clearly do not want to upset Dr. Adenauer too much—in any event, Remer's purpose in Egypt may have been fulfilled, in which case the Egyptians are giving up nothing.

Everyone here knows about the Germans. You see them in the hotels; you hear German in the Streets. If you speak German in Cairo today you are popular. And many Germans, men and women, have been infiltrated into sundry public services where they draw good pay. And yet President Nagib has been at pains to declare publicly that the number of Germans in the country is very small, that they are all technicians and that only one or two are engaged on work. These statements are not accepted at their face value.

"Hands Off Libya"

It is interesting and perhaps important to note that these Germans appear to have no high opinion of Egyptian capabilities. As one of them put it, "If you want to make a silk purse, you must have suitable material."

However much the Egyptian Government may wish to come to terms with the British, she continues her policy of pin-pricking the British wherever possible. The appointment of German technicians was such a pin-prick and the latest instance has been afforded by the new Anglo-Libyan treaty; Egypt taking the lead in trying to persuade the Arab states to keep Libya out of the League if she ratifies the new treaty.

From the start, Egypt has always tried to keep both the British and the Americans, particularly the British, out of Libya. Hoping to get rid of the British garrison in Egypt soon, they do not want to see a British base being built up on the other side of the frontier in the Western Desert. This explains the frenzied rush which the Wafdist Government made when Libya got her independence to get her diplomatic representative in Libya acknowledged as the doyen of the diplomatic corps there. First, there was the strange unanimity of Cairo's Arabic papers in describing Egypt's new envoy as a *safir* (ambassador) while at the same time drawing attention to the fact that the heads of other diplomatic missions, including the British and American, were only to be *wasirs* (ministers).

When this turned out to be too transparent a fiction and in any case a tactically useless idea the next step the Wafdists took was to rush their minister off to Benghazi almost before he had time to pack his bags so that he could get in first with his letters of credence and in this way win the race to be doyen by a short head. They lost out on that too for it had already been arranged that the British Minister would be the first to be received by the new aging King. It was then recalled that the British Minister, Sir Alec Kirkbride, had previously been the British representative in Amman and melancholy forecasts began to appear foreshadowing that Britain was going to play the same game in Libya that she had so successfully played in Jordan.

Through The Straits

By THEODOR F. MEYSELS

CAPTAIN Eronat took the "Aksu" slightly off her course when we approached the hallowed coast of the Troas. Over the ridge of Sigeion we first espied the "Tel" of Troy as a line of three mounds, cut by Schliemann's two cruel trenches stretching from North to South. But when we turned the promontory of Kum Kale the whole Plain of the Scamandros, from the Tumulus of Achilles to the Idean mountains opened before us dominated by the city mound of Troy. Through binoculars we scanned the plain, which in half-forgotten schooldays was (or should have been) far more familiar than the surroundings of our home town, and found Troy looking exactly like one of Israel's Tells.

Six Troys

As a matter of fact, the science of archaeological stratification was born just there, when Doerpfeld discovered that the amateur Schliemann had dug far too deep and that his "Homeric Troy" was a second, prehistoric mud-brick town, whilst the "City of Priams" was no less than the sixth town that had stood on the hill. However, the amateur Schliemann brought home the marvellous "Treasure of Priam," (now looted from Berlin by the Russians) and the scholar Doerpfeld could only tell us, that Priam's Troy no longer exists because the Romans had razed it when they enlarged the plateau in order to build their new Ilion . . .

A lonely cannon in the half-ruined fortress of Kum Kale came to life and answered the salute of a white frigate, setting her course towards the Straits. It took us a minute or two to recognize her ensign — that of a country much farther away from the home-port than any of the ships that sailed with Agamemnon. She was the Indian frigate "Delhi" visiting Turkey on her way home from the Coronation.

Helles Front

To our left was Cape Helles with the fortress of Sidd ul Bahr, looking like Kum Kale deceptively dilapidated. Anzac Cove and Suvla Bay were beyond our field of vision, but we saw the whole area of the Hellespont, where the "Zion Mule Corps" fetched and carried to the British lines, and the plain of Kum Kale, from where the French had to retreat, two scenes of battles, fought for exactly the same object as the Trojan War — to open the Dardanelles to the masters of the Mediterranean.

The "Aksu" entered the Outer Dardanelles, the graveyard of the Allied Mediterranean Fleet of 1915. A placid mirror of sapphire, covering the tombs of three battleships and seven submarines, seven of the 12 that tried to slip through the Straits to torpedo the two German cruisers holding the Russians at bay in the Black Sea. Another Turkish submarine lies at the bottom of the sea here, rammed by a Swedish freighter a few weeks ago. The next day we saw the unfortunate "Naboland" with her smashed-in bow, tied up at the Golden Horn, next to the famous ex-German "Breslau," dismantled but still afloat. It is a

Aegean Logbook

funny thought that, but for this ruined ship with her rakish ramspur, Istanbul would be called "Carigrad" today.

The "Aksu" had to make way for a splendid squadron, steaming at double her speed — the NATO fleet. The cruisers and frigates had flagged over the top. From the coastal roads of Europe and Asia, cars were hooting, the people waving. These were the self-same roads from which mobile Austrian howitzers harassed Allied ships that had ventured into the Dardanelles, having "silenced," as they thought, the "ridiculous Turkish Forts." These forts no longer look dangerous today. The heavy gun which saluted the Americans from Tschanak Kalessi was obviously a left-over of the Crimean War. One is probably not far wrong in assuming that the surprises awaiting the Allies in 1915, have now been shifted to the northern reaches of the Bosphorus.

Unforgotten

"March 15, 1915" is written in enormous letters on the Asiatic hillside. The Turkish War Cemetery of Gallipoli is a reminder that Turkey's rebirth was initiated on the hills overlooking the little town, where no house is older than 30 years. Without the glory of his Gallipoli victory, Mustapha Kemal would never have commanded enough prestige to lead the Anatolian Army to Istanbul.

Since the Argonauts fooled the Trojans by slipping out into the Marmora Sea, these narrows have remained the most contested *defilé* of the old world: only the problem changes periodically from endeavouring to get in, to devising means of getting out. Still these hills so steeped in history, these medieval castles and 19th century forts line an inland sea as lovely as a Swiss lake. Yet the sea, with its murderous current, is deceptive as lovesick Leander learned and Xerxes, whose work still marks the site of both ill-fated crossings.

Tradition

The guardians of the Dardanelles still maintain the old ceremonial of passage: every ship; even the NATO flotilla, stops on the height of Tschanak Kalessi, where less than a mile separates the ancient Castles of Europe and Asia. The doctor comes out in a tiny launch sporting an enormous flag, has a drink with the captain, receives the assurance that everything is well on board from the ship's doctor, and issues the time-honoured "*sana prattica.*" A soft and entertaining job for a physician.

We passed Abydos where Alexander crossed, Aegospotamoi, where the Spartans defeated the Athenian fleet, and Lampsacos, where the Argonauts got drunk. Overwhelmed by so much history, we followed the dinner gong, grateful to share the table with Mr. Okava, Israel's razorblade king, and Mr. Spector, the old man of Mt. Carmel, rather than with a history master, who would examine us on forgotten dates that figure in today's object lesson.

Nature Notes

Gecko Gun

SUMMER is the time for watching reptiles. Among ours, the most delightful—apart from the peerless chameleon—is the gecko. This nocturnal little lizard has many peculiar attributes, one of them being adhering disks on the underside of his comparatively enormous toes, which enable him not only to run up perpendicular surfaces but even along the ceilings. At this time of year they come in all sizes, from one-inch babies to five-inch grandfathers.

They are easy to watch either on porches where insects congregate round the light or on the fly screens, where they appear transparent against the light when seen from outside. Having little sympathy with the tribe of insects disturbing my nights—though I freely concede them the same right to the pursuit of happiness that I have—I delight in watching friend gecko slowly approaching them, and then suddenly, hey presto! swallowing one like lightning. A dark specimen, such as the Carmel bug, maybe watched as it wends its weary way through the gecko's inside.

"Cherish Him"

The gecko deserves to be cherished, and if you find his eggs, snow-white and round the size of large swelled peas, pasted in a corner or deposited between your blankets in their summer chest, don't throw them away before the young have hatched. If you watch a gecko for one hour and then compute how many mosquitoes, moths and bugs he eats in the course of one single month, you will be glad to have him domesticated inside your house, or outside.

P.A.

MUSICAL DIARY

THE Jerusalem debut of the Gadna Symphony Orchestra at the Y.M.C.A. on Monday night surpassed even the most audacious expectations. It was an uncommon pleasure to look at this large ensemble made up of good-looking youngsters, all well trained in rostrum behaviour, though natural in their manner. The results obtained after a comparatively short period of rehearsals was simply amazing.

What sonority and tone-colour emanated from the large string section as they opened the programme with a dignified interpretation of Vivaldi's Concerto Grosso in D Minor conducted by Eytan Lustig.

Next, ten-year-old Daniel Barenboim (whom we had by chance heard over the radio on Sunday night in a masterly reading of Beethoven's First Piano Concerto with the I.P.O.) joined the Orchestra to play Bach's Piano Concerto in D Minor. The performance was a unique experience in this critic's life: there were no painful signs of drill about this young boy. Instead, an inborn technical talent, a sure touch and a true musicality together added up to a creative interpretation of a composition so intricate from the intellectual standpoint. From beginning to end we were captivated by such continuous inspiration. The orchestra supported the boy very well. The first part of the bill closed with a stimulating reading of Bartok's Rumanian Folk Dances.

After the interval Artur Gelbrun took Eytan Lustig's place. This gifted conductor drew from the responsive orchestra an inspired and soulful performance of Schubert's complex Fifth Symphony, rich in dynamics. Never before have we heard a more lively rendering of H. Jacobi's Youth Suite and the composer himself could hardly have wished for a more ideal orchestra.

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Men and Things

THE fountains dance in the lightbeams, and the lightbeams, loaded with eddying dust, dance in the torrid air. "The sun comes out and many reptiles spawn," as Shelley observed, though he was not thinking of the holiday-maker, who threshes turgidly on the beach, shirtless, like the enamelled snake sloughing off a layer of scale, beside which it lies slowly heaving, every raised coil a gesture to the hot languour of the season.

The hot flush of the falling sun at evening parallels the rubious pink of bodies but recently exposed, and the still darkness that follows, full of sighs and myriad infinitesimal buzzings and stirrings, echoes the quiet of the holidaying mind which is stirred by myriad promptings from the world of action and responsibility so temporarily and artificially put aside. If only we could really escape! Lie in a Miltonic dream, and snuff "Sabean odours from the spicy shore / Of Araby the blest," or sit entranced on the island of Tennyson's Lotos-Eaters, where it is always afternoon.

But the strain of holiday-making is upon us. We fight for refreshments, fight for privacy by walking that little bit farther than the next man, fight for the right not to fall into debt, and act parables of our ordinary working existence by our inability to achieve the temporary Nirvana which will energize us for another year of work. The only thing we achieve is Change, which more than one ancient poet has platitudinously exalted as the sovereign remedy for Man.

B.S.

Readers' Letters

"SHELL" BUTAGAS DEPOSITS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—Certain false impressions have been created about the organization of the Shell Butagas market in Israel and the reasons for collecting deposits and service fees. We should therefore be grateful if you would allow us space to give an explanation of the facts.

During World War II and the War of Liberation many thousands of Shell Butagas cylinders and pressure regulators, the property of the Shell Company of Palestine Ltd., were lost, destroyed or passed into the hands of unauthorized persons. Because of this unavoidable disorganization, many records were lost, and large numbers of people received Shell Butagas without being registered as customers, and without any check on the safety of their appliances and installations.

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Shell Butagas is now marketed by us through three main Agents, with a network of subagencies through the country. The three main Agents are the Northern Gas Company Ltd. in the Haifa district, Petrolgas Ltd. in the Tel Aviv district and The Judean Gas Company in the Jerusalem district.

Our Agents sell Shell Butagas on our behalf. Their prices are controlled by the Shell Company and the Government, and the undertaking which each customer is asked to sign is with the Shell Company and not with our Agents. Monies collected by our Agents in the form of deposit (which in the case of existing customers may, if necessary, be paid in instalments) are passed on to us where they will be held under Government control on the consumers' behalf; deposits are immediately refundable should any customer, once he has returned our property, wish to discontinue using our product.

The purpose of collecting a deposit on our equipment, which is on loan (*not sold*) to customers, is to ensure that the customer will look after our property, and that we are covered in case of loss. This practice is common in Western Europe and in many other areas throughout the world where Shell Butagas is marketed.

It is only right, therefore, that the amount of deposit should bear some relation to the value of the equipment issued on loan, and vary with fluctuations in prices. The value of a cylinder is, at present, somewhat more than the IL.12 each that we are asking. Our right to vary the amount of deposit is, therefore, and has always been, expressly reserved in the undertaking which each consumer signs.

With regard to service, it should be appreciated that combustible gas is a product which must be handled with extreme care. Following the experience gained in many parts of the world, and at the express request of the Government Department concerned, we have introduced a thorough inspection service. We understand that this may shortly also be required by law, and a draft standard to this effect has been prepared. It is therefore essential, and to the interest of all concerned, that liquid petroleum gas appliances and installations be inspected regularly and be properly maintained. Under the terms of the service agreement which, with our approval, our Agents are now asking all Shell Butagas customers to sign, a thorough inspection and maintenance service is provided on these lines. Payment for this service can also be made by instalments.

In view of rapid progress in the applications of liquid petroleum gas, changes in the terms of supply, the necessity of taking all safety precautions and the need for uniformity in the supply agreements, we have asked all customers to sign a new agreement. In the interest of all concerned it would be appreciated if those invited to sign agreements would do so as soon as possible.

Yours etc.
THE SHELL COMPANY OF PALESTINE ITD.

Haifa, August 16.

The suggestion in the article by "Economicus" in our issue of August 9, that the Judean Gas Company is "financing their business in part by way of a private compulsory loan imposed by their clients..." is regretted. As the letter from the Shell Company shows, the monies collected by Agents in the form of deposits are passed on to the Shell Company and held under Government control on the customers' behalf.—Ed. J.P.

BUTAGAS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — May I be allowed to add another point to "The Strange Case of Butagas."

Para 15/b of the contract which we are asked to sign reads as follows :— i

"The Company shall be entitled to the immediate return of the Equipment in any of the following circumstances:

b) Should the consumer fail, within any period of six months, to take a minimum quantity of three fillings of 12.5 kgs. of Shell Butagas."

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We are continually urged by the Government, and rightly so, to save as much as possible on consumers' goods. I submit that the above clause flatly contradicts that policy, if the consumer is pushed to use more Butagas than he requires. On the other hand, if the cylinder is returned only half-empty it would amount to a camouflaged increase on the price of the Butagas.

I suggest that the Minister of Commerce and Industry should bring about the withdrawal of the above unfair and wasteful clause in the Butagas contract.

Yours etc.,
ROSA PINOSSAR.

Jerusalem, August 9.

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